

# Weapons Training Battalion Newsletter

Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC

## Promotions

SSgt Scott

Sgt Baltimore

Sgt Cabarrus

Cpl Bachman

Cpl Gazaille

Cpl Teat

Cpl Warren

## Awards

### NAM

Sgt Saxon

Sgt Poklembo

Sgt Bradford

Sgt Kepper

Cpl Warren

Cpl Kocsis

Cpl Schlotter

## PME

## CPLS COURSE

### CPL BUTTERFIELD

CPL BUTTS

CPL GOULD

CPL LAWSON

CPL FERGUSON

CPL THOMAS

SGT'S COURSE

SGT BIANCO

SGT REID

## CAREER COURSE

SSGT WILSON

## SEMINARS

MSGT MCPHERSON

## ISQL

SGT KNOLL

## MLOC

SGT GARCIA

## NCO/MARINE OF THE QUARTER

SGT SAXON

LCPL WARREN



## Commanding Officer Comments

**LtCol Heritage**

Family and Friends,

This will likely be my last newsletter as the date for me to turn over the Battalion has been set for 01 July 2008. I want to say to each and every one of you it has been a distinct honor and privilege to have worked with such a dedicated group of Marines and civilian employees here at Weapons Training Battalion. We set some significant goals with respect to the quality and amount of training and support we provide to Marines throughout Camp Lejeune and I'm happy to report that we met and/or exceeded each one. To give you a snap shot, in calendar year 2007 and on the rifle ranges alone

, we trained and qualified in excess of 22,000 Marines and Sailors and for 2008 we are expecting to surpass that by 5,000. With respect to developing and training Marines within our own Battalion, we increased by 200% the number of Marines sent to resident professional military education and training schools. Last month alone, we had Marines in schools across three states, a team competing in the Eastern Division Rifle/Pistol Matches, and still kept the ranges and Stone Bay going as strong as ever. We have some interesting events scheduled in the near future.

On 27-28 May the Battalion will travel to Washington, DC and Quantico, VA to visit the monuments and Marine Corps Museum. We will follow this up with a Family BBQ at the Marina at the Marine Corps Air Station New River. I hope that holding the event closer to Jacksonville more families will be able to attend. Finally I'd like to invite you all to the Battalion's Change of Command Ceremony to be held on Tuesday 01 July at 0900 on A Range. Thanks again to all of you and your families for the commitment and support you provide to the Battalion and to all the Marines and Sailors who train on Stone Bay throughout the year.

Semper Fidelis  
LtCol Heritage

## Sergeant Major's Comments

**First Sergeant Moore**

Marines, Family and Friends,

As the Battalion Commander has stated, this to will be the last opportunity I will have to address our Weapons Training Battalion. Sergeant Major Bret Roy is on deck and we're currently in the process of conducting a turnover, so that he is very familiar with all aspects of what Weapons Training Battalion is capable of providing the units we support. Over the last several months, I've had the opportunity to lead, mentor, and challenge some of the hardest working, dedicated and professional Marines that I've had under my

charge. It has been an absolute privilege to serve here with you at Weapons Training Battalion. The civilian employees here at Weapons Training Battalion are extremely supportive and continue to put the needs and demands of this unit, the supported units and all the Marines first and foremost. I'd like to personally thank each and everyone of them for the contributions and sacrifices they make every day. As we progress through the summer months, I would like to remind each and every member of the Weapons Training Battalion family to exercise extreme patience and avoid being

complaisant to ensure we always have a safe training environment. Lastly, for our spouses, children and friends, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Family Day being held on 30 May 2008, so I can express my gratitude and appreciation for all the support you've given the Marines and the Battalion since I've been here as the Sergeant Major.

Semper Fidelis,  
1stSgt L. Moore



## Key Volunteer Corner

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We invite everyone to visit the new Key Volunteer link provided on the Battalion's web site

<http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/wtbn>. From the web site you can link into all sorts of up to date information on family readiness, MCCS, the exceptional family member program and military one source. Thanks to Mr. Cherry, S-3, for making the web site such a great tool and source of information.

### S - 1

#### SSgt Scott

Congratulations to Mrs. Carole. She retired after 20 plus faithful years of Government Service time. S-1 just reminds the Battalion that we are the 1 stop shop to all your administrative needs, and we are here to support you.

### S - 3

#### CWO3 Dutton

#### MGySgt Brower

The Month of February began with the closing of Charlie range for construction of the 25 yard firing line. Sgt Byrd was moved up to the "3" from Charlie Range. He worked closely with Cpl Schlotter and Mr. Cherry learning the day to day functions. He brings a vast wealth of knowledge and "down range" experience to the Operation Section. We did have a cold week on the ranges; however in our never ending mission to support the operating forces, we did support over 200 Reserve Marines from across the U.S. CWO Dutton spent a week in Los Vegas for the Shoot Show. There he previewed new equipment that could be available to enhance the training provided by Stone Bay. As a Battalion; we accomplished Operation Clean Sweep for the Stone Bay area during the month of March. For a 2 week period, Sgt Byrd, LCpl Song, Mr. Cherry and Mr. Cooley tract the progress of the numerous teams as they maneuvered throughout the different training areas and ranges. The teams collected well over 2 tons of assorted trash and gear that had been left in the area. April not only brought warmer weather, it also brought more shooters to the range. It also began what will be a summer of people moving on. Mr. Macy Cooley accepted a job at Base Telephone on Main Side; we thank him for his hard work and wish him luck in his new position. Cpl Schlotter departed the S-3 and was discharged from the Marine Corps On April 30<sup>th</sup>. He will be truly missed at WTBn and we wish him and his family

all the best as they move to Mississippi. MSgt Moistner returned from his deployment with Intel Battalion and will soon replace MGySgt Brower as the Battalion Operations Chief.

### Range Company

#### Captain Quinlan

#### GySgt Rozell

Dear Family Members and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying the nice, Spring weather! It has been a busy couple of months for Range Company (as I'm sure you know), and I'd like to take a moment to recognize some of our Marines who continue to do great things here at Weapons Training Battalion!

On April 8th, Sgt Smith and Sgt Johnson graduated from the Infantry Squad Leaders Course at the School of Infantry aboard Camp Geiger. On April 11th, Sgt Bianco and Sgt Reid graduated from Sergeant's Course at the Staff NCO Academy. Sgt Southwick graduated from the Train-the-Trainer Course aboard Camp Johnson on April 4th, and Cpl Butts graduated from Corporal's Course on April 23rd.

Finally, Cpl Thomas successfully completed the Emergency Medical Technician's Course at Coastal Carolina Community College last month. Congratulations to these Marines, and thank you for the support you give them! They all completed very challenging courses and made Weapons Training Battalion proud.

In addition to all of these formal schools, your Marines have been busy here at Stone Bay. Besides qualifying over 600 Marines each week on the rifle range, they successfully trained the second group of Navy personnel from Field Medical Training Battalion in April. These are brand new Corpsmen with no prior weapons training. This was a very challenging week, to say the least, but once again your Marines were up to the task and made us proud!

March saw Range Company well represented at the Eastern Division Rifle and Pistol Matches in Quantico, Virginia. In fact, our Marines made up the entire Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune team!! SSgt Flores, Sgt Poklembo, Sgt Terhune, and Cpl Peterson made up the team, and they made a very good showing. Additionally, Sgt Carter was selected to serve as a Block NCO for both the Eastern Division Matches and the Marine Corps Matches. He will return to Range Company in early May.

Finally, I would like to welcome three brand-new members of the Range Company Family! Welcome to Eva Marie Parker (February 9th), Juliauna Erica Shelby Falbo (March 27th), and Leigha Shamir Cabarrus (April 11th)!!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Battalion Family Day at the end of this month!

### Headquarters Company

#### MSgt McPherson